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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: PIC Requirements for Space in Emergency Warehouse

REFERENCE: Memo fr Asst. to DD/I (Planning) dtd 11 Dec. 59,
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Relocation Center

1. In planning the space requirements of the Photographic Intelligence Center in the proposed emergency warehouse at the Agency Relocation Center, the Center's mission during an emergency should be used as the initial planning factor. It is anticipated that this mission will be:

a. To provide photographic intelligence data on enemy capabilities using existing photographic holdings and reconnaissance photography received after the initiation of the emergency.

b. To support the Office of Defense Mobilization with summary photographic intelligence data on the U. S. resources surviving enemy attack.

2. In order to carry out this important mission, it is highly desirable that a permanent hard site be established for the Photographic Intelligence Center which will encompass current operations, planned inputs, and operations during an emergency period. The need for such a site was stressed in the recent survey of PIC operations by the ITEK Corporation. Although the initial investment would be large, I feel that the needs of the Intelligence Community would best be served by proceeding with long-term planning in this direction. A permanent hard site for PIC would:

a. Provide continuing services to the Agency and the Intelligence Community for photographic intelligence support during an emergency.

b. Eliminate the necessity for duplicating a photo intelligence facility involving expensive and hard-to-replace technical equipment.

c. Make available the type and number of people needed to provide the required services and to operate the necessary equipment.

d. Provide the special temperature-humidity controlled spaces needed to operate delicate optical-mechanical and electronic equipment.

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5. Because of the flexible nature of emergency relocation planning involving adjustments in the conditions of relocation, kinds of support services required, number of personnel involved, etc., it should be recognized that the foregoing requirements are transitory in nature and represents minimum PIC needs at this time. It is recommended that a continuing review be made of emergency planning in order to provide for future changes in the requirements of this Center and the Intelligence Community.

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